

REMARKS

This Amendment After Final is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed Feb. 5, 2009. The Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests issue of a Notice of Allowance.

Claims 2-30 are pending in the application.

Claims 2, 4-7, 9-13, 18, 25, 27 and 28 have been amended. Such amendments are believed to be appropriate for entry after Final Rejection as explained below.

Claim 1 is cancelled.

No new claims have been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

At paragraph 9 of the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated claims 5-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has rewritten claim 5 in independent form, and changed the dependency of various dependent claims to dependent from claim 5. Further, the Applicant has written subject matter similar to claim 5 into independent claims 18, 25, 27 and 28. Accordingly, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

At paragraphs 3-6 of the Final Office Action, claims 1-4, 12-16, 18-20, and 24-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ishwar et al., U.S. Publication No. 2004/0017816 (hereinafter "Ishwar"), in view of Casey, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0142674 (hereinafter "Casey"), in further view of Pannell, U.S. Patent No. 7,286,528 (hereinafter "Pannell").

At paragraph 7 of the Final Office Action, claims 9 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ishwar, in view Casey, in further view of Pannell, in further view of Khill, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0147405 (hereinafter "Khill").

At paragraph 8 of the Final Office Action, claims 10, 11, 22 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ishwar, in view Casey, in further view of Pannell, in further view of background of Ishwar.

The Applicant notes that claim 1 is no longer pending in the application, and accordingly its rejection is believed to be moot. As discussed above, claims 18, 25, 27 and 28 have been amended to include subject matter that was indicated to be allowable over the cited references. The remaining claims are believed to be allowable due to their dependency, as well as for other separate reasons.

In the event that the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-2500.

In summary, all the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore all dependent claims that depend there from are believed to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

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